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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6969**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 348

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 4, 2004

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Prisoner Copayment for Medical Expenses.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Waterman

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
                              **DEDICATED**  
                              **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** Local

**Summary of Legislation:** The bill increases the copayment for medical care expenses of a prisoner in a county jail from \$15 to \$25.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2004.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:** The increase of the required copayment for medical care expenses from \$15 to \$25, an increase of about 67%, would increase revenues to County Medical Care for Inmates Funds.

A review of CY 2001 revenues reported for 13 counties indicates that average annual revenues to County Medical Care for Inmates Funds were about \$10,000. Assuming that the percentage increase in copayment increases annual revenues by the same proportion, average annual revenues to the County Medical Care for Inmates Funds would increase to \$16,700, an increase of \$6,700. However, revenues to these funds vary by county, from about \$155 (DeKalb County) to \$35,500 (Clark County).

*Background:* The 13 counties reviewed include Allen, Blackford, Clark, DeKalb, Gibson, Hamilton, Hendricks, Johnson, Lake, Marion, Shelby, Spencer, and Warrick.

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:** State Board of Accounts' Annual County Audits, Hamilton County Auditor's Office, 317-773-1872, Marion County Auditor's Office, 317-231-8250.

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